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## ASSISTANCE URGED IN FARM GRAIN STORAGE May Advance Date for National Registration

### PROPOSE PLAN FOR LOANS ON GRAIN STORED ON FARM

United Grain Growers Suggest  
Guarantee of Percentage of  
Money Lent by Banks

### URGE DOMESTIC PRICE

Price of \$1.00 Bushel for Wheat  
Milled for Home Consumption  
Is Recommended

To enable banks to lend money on a broad basis to farmers, on grain stored on the farm due to inability to secure delivery, the Board of the United Grain Growers, Limited, in a statement issued in Calgary, suggest a government guarantee against loans up to a certain percentage of the total lent. This plan, it is indicated, is similar to the plan in the last two Home Improvement Loans, which have proved satisfactory wherever brought into operation.

Stressing the need for early action to deal with the situation which will arise when the new crop begins to move, the Board state that "if the Western wheat crop should be as large as 380 million bushels, elevator space in the facilities now existing cannot be found during the normal threshing period for half of the grain which farmers will wish to deliver."

### Wheat Board Protection

The statement dwells upon the "urgent necessity for continuance of wheat price protection through the Canadian Wheat Board"; and it is pointed out in reference to the Wheat Co-operative Marketing Act, that "if there is no market the machinery set up under that act cannot be worked, and it will be necessary to make provision so that the Wheat Board can handle all wheat. . . . Grave difficulties," it is added, "are in sight if no better price than 70 cents is available during the coming year."

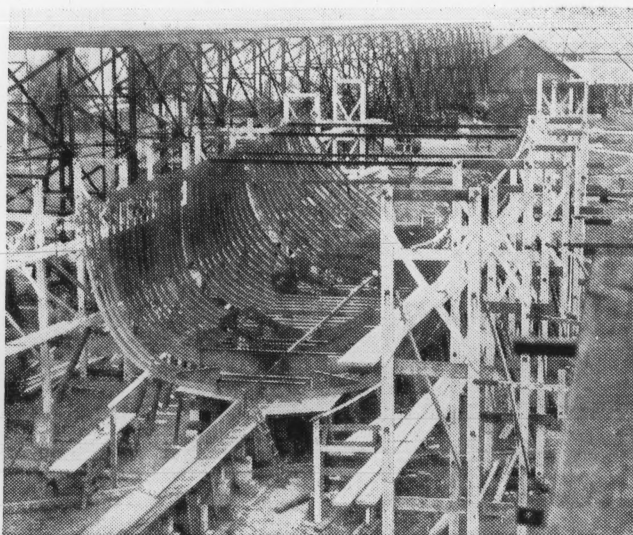
In support of the proposed plan of financing grain storage on the farm it is stated that "while this might be arranged through the Canadian Wheat Board, it is not desirable to add to the burdens of that body or to impose on it problems which might interfere with the conduct of its necessary duties."

Hope is expressed that as farm granaries are neither numerous nor in such good repair as formerly, elevators will to the fullest extent practicable build annexes to country elevators, and "to the extent that such space can be provided," farmers will be assisted to avoid "unnecessary investment, or debt, on their farms. Consideration for companies which undertake expenditure for annexes which is not commercially justified might be given by assessing it as ordinary expenditure for income tax purposes, it is added.

### Dollar Domestic Price

The Board suggest that, since there

### Canadian Submarine Chaser Takes Shape



With slender keel plates resting on the blocks, the midship frames and supporting plates of a submarine chaser for Canada's navy take shape rapidly in a shipyard somewhere in Ontario. Three others were in various stages of construction in the plant when this photograph was taken.

is no reason why western farmers should, by reason of world conditions, subsidise the bread consumers of Canada, "a uniform price basis for wheat milled for domestic consumption should be established at not less than \$1.00 a bushel for No. 1 Northern in store at Port William."

Stimulation of greater use in both British Columbia and the East of oats and barley grown in the prairies is recommended, reduction of freight rates and promotional work by Dominion and Provincial Governments being proposed.

### Statement in Full

The statement in full follows:

Following a meeting of the Board of Directors of United Grain Growers, Limited, in Winnipeg on May 29th last, this Company made public a statement calling attention to the serious problems of Western Agriculture that seemed imminent this fall if agriculture was to continue to play its part in Canada's economy and Canada's war effort. The Board requested that the Premiers of the three Western Provinces should join in setting up a Western Organization to consider such problems and to co-operate with the Dominion Government and its agencies in their solution.

### Need Now Still Greater

During the intervening weeks the Company has seen no reason to modify those views. Rather, it has seen intensified the difficulties of the

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CHICAGO, July 17th.—The move to "draft Roosevelt" for a third term is expected to succeed. Nomination may be made tonight.

### Detailed Plans for Registration of Man Power Announced

Parliament Awaits Government's  
Decision on Plans to Deal  
With Wheat Problem

By M. McDUGALL  
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, July 17th.—Preparations are well advanced for the registration of the manpower of Canada. The actual registration, which it will take about four days to complete, will possibly start on Monday, August 19th; but it is now reported the date may be advanced to early in the month.

This compilation of information about the men and women of Canada, including address, age, background, health and occupational experience, is one of the main purposes of the National Resources Mobilization Act, and is one of the duties of the new department of National War Services, under Hon. J. G. Gardiner. The object of the registration is to give information to the Government so that in this time of national crisis the energies of the people can be directed into the most useful channel. A complete picture will be given of the man-power and woman-power of Canada.

One primary objective of this census is to give military training to men between the ages of 21 and 45. The younger single men will be drafted for military training first.

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### FARM BODIES URGE EMERGENCY ACTION RE FARM STORAGE

Need Stressed in Proposals by  
Primary and Commercial  
Farm Organizations

### APPEAL TO OTTAWA

Also Asked that Canadian Wheat  
Board Handle All New  
Season's Crop

Faced by the prospect that even a lower than average crop would quickly fill all available space in terminal and country elevators, farm organizations in the West are pressing the Dominion Government to assist the farmers in providing grain storage on the farm.

Action taken by Robert Gardiner, President of the U.F.A., and the U.F.A. Executive, is described elsewhere. The Dominion Government was asked by Mr. Gardiner to provide for advances to be made to farmers who store their wheat on the farm, compensation to be in line with that paid to country elevators. Prime Minister King has advised Mr. Gardiner that the proposals are being considered. The U.F.A. asked the closing of the grain exchange, restricting of wheat marketing to the Wheat Board, and higher minimum price for the new crop.

### Wheat Pool Action

Proposals of the Board of the Alberta Wheat Pool are outlined also in this issue. Continuation of the Wheat Board, fixing of a price in relation to the cost of things the farmer must buy, encouragement of farm grain storage, a quota for deliveries, provision for borrowing on farm stored grain, payment of storage by the Wheat Board on such grain, and insurance of grain covered by loans, are urged.

The Alberta Federation of Agriculture at its recent annual convention urged the Dominion Government to make provision for growers "to secure loans against grain stored on the farm (in accordance with Government regulations) sufficient to finance their operations"; and payment of storage charges to the farmers in such cases in line with those paid country elevators.

The Board of the United Grain Growers, meeting in Calgary last week, issued a comprehensive statement containing proposals to meet the emergency of the new crop season. The statement is published in this issue.

TOKYO, July 17th.—A new semi-military government, totalitarian in character, is being set up by premier-designate Konoye. Moves to secure the French and Dutch colonies in the Orient are expected.

New Ottawa legislation provides death penalty for treason.



# Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section



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The Program is not too expansive, but we believe it will be really enjoyable.

When you arrive at the station, we suggest that you go to a stand or stands near the Pavilion, where you will be given a program outlining the activities for the afternoon; and please remember also that we invite you to be there by 11:00 or 11:30 in the morning.

There is coffee being served also at 5:00 p.m., and so we suggest that your lunch basket have something extra for that time, as well as sufficient to cover the noon meal.

We should have pleasant weather and a pleasant time.

**CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL.**

**On Accommodations.**—In case of adverse weather, the Pavilion at the Lacombe Experimental Station has a number of beds and mattresses which could be used by our members and friends should the weather or other circumstances be such that it would be necessary for them to remain at Lacombe over night.

## Lacombe Station Welcomes You

By F. H. REED, *Superintendent*

Crowds of from 200 to 300 people annually attend the many Field Days at the Dominion Experimental Station, Lacombe.

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## CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

## When You Come to Lacombe

Some place convenient which will likely be close to the Pavilion, you will meet Mr. H. F. Price, secretary of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, and his assistants. They will be there to welcome you to our Field Day and Picnic and to give you an identification card and a program of the day. If the day is favorable and a reasonably large crowd is on hand, writing out identification cards for each party will be a sizeable task, but it will be a pleasant one.

Some of you will be coming from the East, and some from the West, others from the North and from the South, and we would like it arranged that wherever you are standing, you can very conveniently know who the party is next to you and where he comes from.

It has been said that sometimes the primary producer is an individualist, and possibly that observation at times may be justified. Realizing that individualism may be a worthy characteristic we know that at times it can be replaced by something better and in this case we think by friendliness. And so on our Field Day, let us use our identification cards and let us talk and chat with the man or the lady, the boy or the girl, next to us.

If we gain nothing else from our association of that day except to practice friendliness, the time will indeed be well spent. We suggest that you therefore prominently display your identification card and better still make use of the same cards on others.

## Crisis in the West

LEONARD D. NESBITT

Superintendent of Publicity, Alberta Wheat Pool

The capacity of Canada's elevator system is approximately 423 million bushels, of which 341,198,000 bushels are located in Western Canada, including the terminals at the Head of the Lakes and on the Pacific.

The storage capacity of eastern elevators, including those on the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence and at Atlantic ports, is about 82 million bushels.

On July 5th wheat in a visible position in Canada totalled 258,962,000 bushels and coarse grains 18,394,000, or a total of over 277 million bushels.

Before many weeks pass the 1940 harvest will be under way. Private estimators have fixed the probable wheat crop of the West at around 400 million bushels. With so large a percentage of the elevator space taken up with the carryover from the 1939 crop, farmers will be able to deliver only a small percentage of new crop grain.

This is something that has never been encountered in Western Canada before. It is an unexpected development, as last autumn the feeling was that all the wheat would be required for warring Europe. But the war took an unexpected turn, and virtually the whole continent of Europe is under blockade.

There have been obvious errors made in the Canadian wheat policy, but it now profits little to rehash the past. Western Canada is facing a crisis and the problem should be dealt with decisively and expeditiously.

It is apparent that a plan will have to be developed to finance grain stored in farm granaries. That seems to be the only possible way to enable farmers to finance their affairs this fall. If this step is not taken, business will be at a standstill and debts and taxes unpaid, and the normal wants of farm families cannot be filled.

The idea of financing grain stored on farms was advanced to the Government by the directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool as part of a fivefold program. The other proposals include: the fixing of an initial price based on the cost of the things farmers are required to buy; payment of monthly storage for wheat kept on farms; the establishment of a delivery quota system; and the provision for insuring the grain in the farm granaries.

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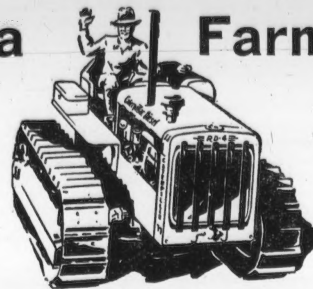
## South Africa Must Import 1,700,000 Bushels Wheat to Meet Own Needs

The spring wheat harvest in the Union of South Africa is estimated at 15,310,000 bushels. This is not much below the average, but it is not enough for domestic needs, and the Wheat Control Board has announced that wheat imports will be permitted. It states that in addition to a small quantity already brought in from Australia, 1,700,000 bushels will still be required.

About 430,000 acres have been planted to sugar beets in Germany this year, the German press reports, as compared with 324,000 acres last year.

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## Jack Sutherland on C.B.C.

Over the C.B.C., on Wednesday evening, July 24th, at 10:30 p.m., J. K. Sutherland of Hanna, member of the U.F.A. Central Executive, will give an address entitled "And So They Came to Live in Canada." Mr. Sutherland bases his address on conversations with refugees from Sudetenland and from the Holland-German frontier.

While "Class 1" railroads in the U.S. increased their operating revenues during the first five months of 1940 by 11 per cent over the corresponding period in 1939, profits increased by 56 per cent.

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## WHEAT PROBLEM

The serious economic problem created by the threatened exhaustion of grain storage facilities when harvest begins is the concern not only of farmers, but of every other class in Western Canada—and in fact of the Dominion as a whole.

Its solution is vital to the economic stability of Canada, and therefore, to the successful carrying on of Canada's effort in the war—which should be raised with all possible speed to maximum intensity. Not only the now imminent storage problem, but the task of ensuring to producers of primary wealth a return sufficient to enable them to meet their costs of production, must be faced by Canada's responsible authorities if breakdown is to be avoided.

An economic crisis plunging the basic industry of the Dominion into disaster would inevitably disorganize plans now being accelerated, to enable our country to play the major role it is called upon to play in the struggle for the survival of freedom and decency in the world.

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Farm organizations throughout the West have made their recommendations to Ottawa. The Government is giving these problems its attention; and a declaration of policy is expected at an early date. It is to be hoped that the measures proposed will be commensurate to the need.

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All farm bodies, both the primary organizations and the marketing companies, are agreed that provision must be made for greatly enlarged facilities for grain storage on the farm, and for the provision of loans to meet the cost of building farm granaries. The U.F.A., the Wheat Pools, the United Grain Growers, the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, have stressed these and other necessities of the moment. It is clear that all wheat from the coming harvest must be handled by the Wheat Board. The present minimum price is far from being adequate.

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The United Grain Growers, in a survey of the present situation and post-harvest possibilities, suggest that a price be set for wheat milled for domestic consumption of not less than

\$1.00 a bushel for No. 1 Northern in store at Fort William. They point out, quite reasonably, that the extremely low prices prevailing in a market disorganized by war do not justify the subsidising of bread consumers in Canada by Western farmers who cannot obtain from their labors sufficient return to meet production costs. We believe the proposal will be welcomed by all fair minded Canadians. Manufacturing in Eastern Canada has been stimulated to great and profitable activity to provide the machinery and equipment needed for war purposes. In all probability before the present conflict is over, and certainly in the period of reconstruction which must follow the eventual defeat of the plot against mankind, the products of Canadian agriculture will be found to be not less essential. In any case, if an approach is to be made to observance of the principle of "equality of sacrifice", agriculture in its dire need must be given at least the chance of survival.

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Even while she is faced by the threat of invasion by the most formidable enemy she has met in her history, Great Britain has taken steps to raise the standard of living of citizens whose economic level has been scandalously low. Some months ago John Maynard Keynes, a noted economist, pointed out that to ensure a tolerable standard of living for all is necessary to efficiency in carrying on the war.

In this Dominion agriculture is the largest among the classes whose standards have been gravely depressed. To enable farmers to obtain their costs of production is a Canadian necessity—if we are to pull our full weight in the struggle.

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## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The past two weeks in Alberta have been packed with activities in the farmers' organizations. At as many as possible of the gatherings of farm people *The Leader* has been represented. The contents of this issue of *The Leader* reflect activities in many fields. There have been the important convention of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture at Red Deer; sessions of the U.F.A. Executive where policies of essential concern to farmers were

dealt with and representations made to Governments and other authorities; the meetings of farmers' commercial companies; the summer session of the Board of the United Farm Women of Alberta, the rally of the Central Alberta Livestock Association at Lacombe. In addition, the School of Community Life at Olds has just closed after a gratifyingly successful term of about a fortnight. We could have welcomed twice the space available, to deal with all these matters of much significance, and a multitude of district activities. But space costs money and responsibility rests upon the shoulders of two persons. To do all that we would seek to do in this field of publicity must await opportunity for expansion.

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## OLDS SCHOOL

The School of Community Life which has just concluded its sessions at Olds stands for just those vital things which the British Commonwealth is seeking to preserve from eclipse and totalitarian darkness. It is pleasing to note, therefore, that in the midst of war and its distractions, nearly a hundred Albertans, most of them young and most of them farm people, attended the school this month. The University and the Departments of Education and Agriculture, the two farmers' commercial companies—the U.G.G. and the Wheat Pool, who gave financial support—Donald Cameron and Principal Murray and the lecturers who so happily fit into the community life of the school, and the staff, are all to be congratulated on the success of the event this year. The continuance of the school is especially desirable during the war.

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## FARM MACHINERY COSTS

The high costs of farm machinery, in relation to farmers' purchasing power, has been a matter of serious complaint in Canada since the early 1930's. At the convention of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture in Red Deer, Mr. Brownlee submitted invaluable information upon this question, gathered by a committee supported by the Governments of Manitoba and Saskatchewan and of whose purposes the Alberta Government has shown its approval. We hope at a later date to deal with some of the major results of this investigation.

Mr. Brownlee showed that by far the greater part of the spread between manufacturing costs and selling price is due to the excessively high costs of distribution. For instance, the laid down cost of a certain tractor at Regina is \$510, including manufacturing cost \$435, freight \$50, excise \$25. The selling price is \$1000—giving a margin of \$490 for costs of distribution.

## Convention Chairman



C. Jensen, re-elected President of Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

## MOST SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION HELD, FARM FEDERATION

### Great Progress Indicated by Gathering of Alberta Federation of Agriculture

Two days were spent at Red Deer this month by the 85 registered delegates and visitors, in the most fruitful sessions which have yet been held by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture (to use the new name adopted at the Convention of the former Alberta Co-operative Council). Sixteen of the 18 member associations in the Federation were represented by delegates.

#### Hannam Speaks

The Convention, under the chairmanship of Chris Jensen, for whose assistance two deputy chairmen were appointed in the persons of Carl Anderson of Scandia, and J. M. Calder, of Mayerthorpe, discussed every important phase of the problems of the agricultural industry in the Province; heard H. H. Hannam, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, in a memorable address in which a firm grasp of hard practicalities and an understanding of the nature of the grave difficulties now facing Canadian agriculture, was combined with an inspiring idealism. The delegates also heard a most effective and illuminating analysis of the problem of farm machinery prices by Hon. J. E. Brownlee, and excellent reports from the chairmen of the various sections, and from George G. Coote, E. W. Brunsden, secretary of the Federation, on whose capable shoulders fell a major part of the organizing of the Convention, shares with other officers the credit for a gathering which must pave the way to new advances during the coming year.

John Grant, Supervisor of Co-operative Activities for the Provincial Government, was given a cordial reception.

#### Officers Re-elected

All officers of the Federation were re-elected at the meeting of directors following the Convention, as follows:

Wool division, Chris Jensen; grain, Lew Hutchinson; dairy, Geo. E. Church; farm supplies, Norman F. Priestley; livestock, W. C. McKenzie, Lethbridge; poultry, J. H. Rhodes, Brant; sugar beets (new division), P. Baker, Raymond. These officers were elected by the sections.

C. Jensen is president, and W. C. McKenzie and Norman F. Priestley are vice-presidents.

#### Evening Banquet

On the evening of July 4th the

## Urge Closing Grain Exchange and Higher Pegged Wheat Price

### U.F.A. Executive Endorses Action Taken June 17th re Storage on Farm

Further representations by President Gardiner of the U.F.A., to Prime Minister King, upon the subject of farm storage of wheat, were authorized by the U.F.A. Executive last week when correspondence upon the subject came before them.

Mr. Gardiner wrote the Prime Minister on June 17th, suggesting that advances be made this season on wheat stored on the farm, and also that where farmers agree to store wheat they should receive the same compensation as country elevators. Mr. King replied that this proposal was being given consideration, and asked for further suggestions. Such suggestions are now being made by Mr. Gardiner in behalf of the Executive.

#### Higher Price Needed

Mr. Gardiner was also authorized to write Mr. King, urging the closing of the grain exchange, and restricting of wheat marketing to the Wheat Board. It will further be pointed out that as living costs have increased substantially, a higher minimum price for wheat than that of last year—a price more in line with increased costs to the farmers—should be set for the new crop.

#### To Secure Parity of Prices

Need for a permanent price spreads board whose duty it shall be to maintain fairness and parity in price levels, was stressed in a declaration issued by the Executive. Parliament was asked to enact necessary legislation to this end, during the present session, the Government to implement the legislation forthwith in order that the board may begin to function without delay; provision to be made for representation on the board of the farm organizations of Western Canada.

#### Bacon Board

Appointment to the Bacon Board of representatives of organized Agriculture (one from the East and one from the West) was urged. The Executive also endorsed a proposal from Wetaskiwin Federal C.A. recommending that bacon prices be maintained at the present level and that the contract with Britain be renewed if possible. The Dominion

Annual Banquet of the Federation, held in the Buffalo Hotel, brought to a most successful climax the day's events. It was presided over by Mr. Priestley, and the guest speaker, Mr. Hannam, discussing "The War and Canadian Agriculture", evoked a warm response when he emphasized the need for Canada to devote all her resources and energies to the achievement of victory, and when by compelling facts and figures, he showed that if agriculture is to be enabled to play its part both now and later, with full effectiveness, this primary industry must be restored to a sound position. A delightful musical program was provided by Misses Cadman and Bishop of Calgary.

Action taken by the Convention on important issues is dealt with elsewhere in this issue. There was a considerable number of visitors present from farm bodies not hitherto affiliated with the Council, and they took part in the various discussions.

A meeting took place during the Convention between the Executive of the U.F.A. and the Executive of the Federation, at which it was made clear that the Federation has no intention of entering into the field of organization of farm people locally or of undertaking educational or other functions which are the responsibility of such bodies as the United Farmers of Alberta.

## POOL PROPOSES FARM POLICY

The directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool have drawn up the following recommendations regarding the wheat problem for presentation to the federal government:

1. Continuation of the Wheat Board and extension of its powers to handle all wheat.
2. Fixing of a wheat price in proportion to the cost of things the prairie farmers have to buy.
3. Encouragement of farmers to prepare as much farm storage as possible.
4. Arranging a quota for deliveries of grain from this coming harvest.
5. Making provision so that farmers may borrow on their farm-stored grain.
6. Payment of storage by the Wheat Board on grain stored on farms.
7. Insurance of grain covered by loans.

The Alberta Wheat Pool directors are of the opinion that immediate and decisive steps must be taken to prevent confusion and loss because of the prospective wide-spread tie-up in grain deliveries this coming harvest. It is now a certainty that only a small proportion of the crop can be delivered this coming fall.

## ALBERTA POOL ELEVATORS

Government will be asked to pass legislation empowering the Board to control marketing of hogs for both home and export trade at a price on a parity with the British contract price.

On request of the Executive, Mr. Ricks of the Employment Service of Canada agreed to contact authorities of Military District 13 and also Mr. Robertson, superintendent of the Bureau, to discover how much labor will be available to harvest the crop.

A letter received from Hon. J. G. Gardiner pointed out that when part of a township is irrigated, the irrigated portion is not taken into consideration in determining whether the bonus shall be paid under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act.

#### Canvass for Membership

Appointment of canvassers for membership in the Association was left in the hands of a sub-committee—Messrs. Priestley, Sutherland and Church.

The Executive expressed its sincere sympathy with I. V. Macklin of Grande Prairie, in his recent bereavement by the death of Mrs. Macklin.

Appreciation was expressed of a grant of \$200 from the Alberta Wheat Pool for Junior organization.

Locals will be asked to study the subject of taxation, with a view to obtaining a substitute for present land taxation.

Protest against the tendency of Boards of Review under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, to give decisions much more favorable to creditors than to farmer debtors, will be made. Locals are asked to send

such information as they may have or obtain from members having complaints in this regard.

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# Farm Incomes in Canada in Past Ten Years Averaged \$400 per Farm

Figures Given in Report of Royal Commission Reveal Disastrous Shrinkage in Income of Canadian Farm Families

During the ten years from 1930 to 1939 inclusive, the average income per farm in Canada sunk to the amazingly low figure of \$400, a decline of 60 per cent as compared with the average income in 1926 of \$1000 per farm.

The decrease in income per farm during the full period, as compared with the income which would have been realized had 1926 price levels been maintained, was thus no less than \$6,000 for the ten years.

Again, on this same basis, the farmers of Canada received for their products during the ten-year period a total of \$3,000,000,000; whereas, had the 1926 level continued, their total income would have been \$7,250,000,000. In other words, they received \$4,250,000,000 less in purchasing power than the 1926 price level would have brought them.

### Tragic Story in Cold Figures

In these cold figures, presented at the recent annual meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agri-

culture, H. H. Hannam, of Toronto, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and Secretary of the United Farmers of Ontario, told the tragic story of the shrinkage in the income of the Canadian farm family which, as multitudes of such families throughout the Dominion know from bitter personal experience, has marked the past decade in the history of Canada.

The figures are set forth below in tabular form. All of the figures up to and including the year 1937 were taken from the report of the Royal Commission in Dominion-Provincial Relations (the "Rowell-Sirois Report" as it is briefly described). Figures for 1938 and 1939 were not given in the Royal Commission's report, so these were worked out by Mr. Hannam himself, on the basis of available information, and following the same system of computation as the Commission had followed. Here are the figures:

### FARMERS' INCOME—CANADA Rowell-Sirois Royal Commission

Year	1926	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Total Farm Income in Million Dollars	728	399	223	144	174	262	291	390	439		
Average per farm family	\$1000	\$548	\$306	\$200	\$224	\$360	\$400	\$536	\$600	\$490	\$400

Average Income per farm, 1926—\$1,000.

Average yearly income per farm (10 years, 1930-1939 inc.)—\$400.

Average decrease in yearly income per farm—\$600.

Total Decrease per farm (10 years)—\$6,000.

Farmers received (10 years)—\$3 Billion.

On basis of 1926 price level farmers would have received \$7-1/4 Billion.

Difference represents less in purchasing power to Canada—\$4-1/4 Billion.

### U.G.G. URGE NEW PLAN FOR FINANCING FARMERS (Continued from page 1)

agricultural situation as domination of the enemy over continental Europe has increased. The problems to be faced this fall have come closer. Widespread confusion seems inevitable unless constructive measures are promptly taken, and the Board now wishes to stress again the need of such a western organization as it advocated a month ago.

#### Situation Is Reviewed

The facts of the situation, which are beyond dispute, may be briefly stated as follows:

1. One by one former markets for Canadian wheat have come under enemy occupation or control. As they are shut off the competition for the sole remaining export market of importance, Great Britain, is intensified. The exigencies of war may at any time shut off for a period any extensive exports to Great Britain, while at the same time British rationing of goods, and increased home production, not only of wheat but of substitute

foods such as potatoes, may reduce consumption of Canadian supplies.

2. As a consequence, ordinary marketing machinery has proven inadequate. It has been necessary to resort to government action to prevent still lower prices being registered on the market than have actually prevailed, and this device against disastrously low prices has not availed to provide a market, but has lately prevented the sale of wheat, at any price, by farmers who have exhausted their rights to deliver wheat to the Wheat Board. It is more than doubtful if ordinary marketing machinery can function at all for wheat during the coming crop year.

#### Face Unprecedented Congestion

3. As export outlets have narrowed, overseas shipments of Canadian wheat have become small, and at the beginning of a new crop year the elevator capacity of Canada will be congested by the largest carry-over of wheat in the history of this country. That

carryover will occupy all terminal elevator space, whether at ocean ports, at interior points in Western Canada, at the head of the Great Lakes, or at Eastern lake ports. A considerable part of the country elevator capacity of the West will be taken up with carried over wheat for which room in terminals cannot be found. Even at this time, a few weeks before harvesting of a new crop, there are country elevators filled with grain and unable because of the terminal situation, and railway restrictions on car loading, to make room for additional grain. At such points farmers are unable to deliver grain nearly a year after it was harvested last fall. Of the total country and terminal elevator capacity in Canada of over 400 million bushels, not more than 40 per cent will be available to provide room for the new crop. If the Western wheat crop should be as large as 360 million bushels, elevator space, in facilities now existing, cannot be found during the normal threshing period for half the grain which farmers will wish to deliver.

#### Serious Problem of Financing

4. Out of the physical handling problem a serious problem of financing arises. Where are farmers to get money to pay debts accumulated during the production period, or to pay taxes and interest charges? Where are they to get the money to finance harvest operations? Credit for such operations in the past has been available, for binder twine, for oil and gasoline, for wages and for living expenses, because grain, once threshed, could be turned into cash on delivery at an elevator.

This year, when available storage space seems likely to be occupied by those farmers who are most fortunately situated, or who are best equipped with machinery, ordinary sources of credit for other farmers are likely to be completely dried up.

That is serious for many other interests besides farmers. The early and rapid circulation of large sums of money in the early fall is an important factor in the economy of western

Canada and of the whole Dominion. A considerable part of the business of the country which rests upon the early marketing of the Western crop is threatened.

Out of the situation described there thus arise problems of price, of physical storage and of financing.

#### Wheat Price Protection

As to price, there is urgent need for continuation of wheat price protection through the Canadian Wheat Board. Fortunately that is already provided for by existing legislation, which gives a guaranteed minimum price on 5000 bushels for any one farmer. Through another Act, the Wheat Co-operative Marketing Act, minimum price protection on a lower scale, was provided for quantities in excess on 5000 bushels. If there is no market, the machinery set up under that Act cannot be worked, and it will be necessary to make provision so that the Wheat Board can handle all wheat.

It must be pointed out that during the past year the Western and the national economy have only been sustained even at the unsatisfactory level now prevailing by the fact that a better than average crop was harvested, and by the fact that a very considerable percentage of the Western crop was sold by farmers at prices much in excess of the minimum prices available through the Wheat Board, or under the Wheat Co-operative Marketing Act.

#### Lowering of Guaranteed Basis

For three successive years the Government of Canada recognized a price basis of 87-1/2 cents per bushel for No. 1 Northern in store at Fort William as the minimum which should be guaranteed to farmers to enable them to continue satisfactory operation. Only the exigencies of national finance forced the subsequent lowering of the guaranteed basis, first to 80 cents and then to 70 cents.

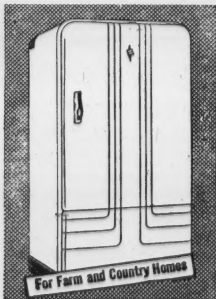
Grave difficulties are in sight if no better price than 70 cents is available during the coming year, especially if the crop should be small, and if production costs con-

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## Shares People's Risks



The King and his people, from Prime Minister Churchill down, are meeting the daily air raids with the spirit that made the bulldog the emblem of Britain. The King was inspecting troops at a south coast town, July 11, when German bombers flew over head. Instead of repairing to an air shelter, his majesty watched Spitfires chase one of the raiders. A few minutes after he left the place was heavily bombed.

tinue to advance as they are now doing.

As to financing, a plan by which advances can be made to farmers against grain still on their farms is obviously required. While this might be arranged through the Canadian Wheat Board, it is not desirable to add to the burdens of that body or to impose on it problems which might interfere with the efficient conduct of its necessary duties. The Canadian chartered banks should rather be looked to for the carrying out of a function natural to them.

### Guarantee of Bank Loans

There is required a new plan to enable the banks to make such loans on a broad scale, without risk of loss. We suggest that there should be worked out a plan by which the Government would guarantee the banks against loss up to a certain percentage of the total advanced. This would be similar to the procedure followed in the Home Improvements Loan Plan, which we understand has been highly satisfactory, both to the banks and to the Government.

If the present provisions of the Bank Act are not considered sufficient

to give the Banks adequate security on grain stored on the farm, they can be supplemented by appropriate amendments to the Criminal Code, or both, so as to provide the necessary safeguard against fraud. Under such conditions the rate of interest could be kept low.

It would be desirable first to consult with the banks so they may be made aware of the extent and urgency of the problem, and then to bring about consultations between the banks and the Government so necessary guarantees and legislative changes can be arranged.

Without such a lending plan fresh difficulties are likely to arise from demands to establish quotas for delivery of grain by farmers to elevators.

### Storage Facilities

As to storage facilities, it is well known that farm granaries are neither so numerous nor in as good repair as was formerly the case. Some increase in their number can and should be developed, but reluctance of farmers to incur debt, the scarcity of lumber and of sheet metal, and labor shortage will limit the extent of what can be done. There will doubtless be some resort to stacking of grain by farmers who do not own threshing equipment. In many cases there will be no alternative to open storage on the ground.

For these reasons it is to be hoped that elevator companies will, to the fullest extent practicable, enlarge their accommodation by building annexes to country elevators. An equal quantity of lumber will provide more space in such annexes than if used for granaries on individual farms and the same space may serve different farmers at different times. To the extent that such space can be provided, it will assist farmers to avoid unnecessary investment, or debt, on their own farms. Encouragement might be given handling companies to provide such extra space which normally would not be commercially justified because of lack of earning capacity, by allowing such emergency expenditure to be considered an ordinary expenditure for Income Tax purpose.

### Coarse Grains

Consideration is required with respect to coarse grains. To relieve the Western situation, to provide Eastern and Pacific Coast farmers with cheaper feed than grain hitherto imported, and because Canada can no longer afford to furnish exchange for the purchase of imported grain, a greater use of oats and barley grown in the Prairie Provinces should be sought both in Eastern Canada and on the Pacific Coast. Both reduction of freight rates and promotional work on the part of Dominion and Provincial governmental agencies should be sought.

### Suggest \$1 Wheat Price for Domestic Consumption

The question of price at which wheat should be sold needs to be considered apart from the initial price paid by the Wheat Board, which represents a minimum price guarantee. If there is no functioning market, as now seems probable, it will be for the Government of Canada to determine at what price wheat should be supplied in Canada for milling purposes. The fact that extremely low prices have recently prevailed in a market disorganized by war is no reason for assuming that Western farmers should, through continued acceptance of such prices by the Canadian Wheat Board, subsidize the bread consumers of Canada. It is suggested that a uniform price basis for wheat milled for domestic consumption should be established of not less than \$1.00 per bushel for No. 1 Northern in store at Fort William.

### Direct Negotiations Between Governments

The price at which wheat is to be sold to Great Britain should be a matter of direct negotiation between the Government of this country and the British Government, in order to arrive at a fair and reasonable price. No longer can ordinary market machinery be relied on to establish a

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CHAS. C. JACKSON,

Secretary.

Winnipeg, Man.  
July 9th, 1940.

satisfactory basis. It is equally the case that the responsibility for necessary negotiations cannot be left to the Canadian Wheat Board, dealing with an agency buying for the British Government. On a matter such as this, involving government responsibility and government policy in both countries, and with the question involved of financing a common war effort, only the Governments themselves can deal satisfactorily.

### First Task of Committee

This memorandum has dealt very briefly with steps urgently required to meet emergency conditions. The first task of a committee such as this Company has proposed would be to recommend to the Government of Canada action, either along the lines suggested, or on such other lines as discussion may develop. That done, it can turn its attention to other problems, just

as important, on which a wider margin of time is available before recommendations have to be formulated, and action taken.

In conclusion, the Board wishes to point out that the difficulties facing Western agriculture are already causing widespread apprehension and anxiety. The Board urges that, in the interest of our national welfare, appropriate steps be taken to bring these matters under competent review and consultation, and the Company pledges its full co-operation and support to any efforts in this direction.

We have been asked by a correspondent for information concerning the provision of a home for a child evacuated from Britain. Any of our readers interested can obtain full particulars by writing T. R. Blain, Superintendent of Child Welfare, Edmonton.

## WAR DIARY

**July 4th.**—A large proportion of the French fleet is under British control, at Alexandria, and in ports of the British Isles, or put out of commission by naval action at Oran yesterday, states Churchill, the French Admiral at Oran having refused British terms. French national committee in London states no capital ship of French fleet in German or Italian hands. Petain orders French vessels to fight their way back to French ports. New U.S. regulations stop shipment war materials to Britain unless army or navy heads certify it is not required. New pro-German cabinet in Rumania.

**July 5th.**—South coast areas of England closed to public. Unsuccessful air attack on Gibraltar. New York *Herald-Tribune* approves British seizure of French fleet. Five Nazi submarines believed sunk by British in five days in June, says Air Ministry statement. Italians bomb Alexandria, little damage. Six British planes bring down seven of nine Italian bombers, says Cairo despatch. Petain government breaks off relations with Britain, says Vichy report. More Russian troops reported in Bessarabia.

**July 6th.**—British planes bomb French battleship *Dunkerque*, damaged in battle of Oran, attack Italian vessels in Tobruk harbor. Several injured in Nazi daylight air raids on Britain. French Admiral at Alexandria given British terms. B.B.C. states no British blockade of Martinique, says New York report. British stop shipments from Hong Kong to French Indo-China.

**July 7th.**—R.A.F. bombs naval base at Wilhelmshaven. British capture Italian war material en route to Libya. Submarine *Snapper* sinks five German ships off Norway, says Admiralty statement.

**July 8th.**—British demobilize French war vessels at Alexandria with friendly sanction of French admiral. Six Nazi

aircraft shot down in attempted raids on Britain. Destroyer *Whirlwind* lost, Admiralty announces. King Haakon refuses to abdicate, as demanded from Nazi-occupied Norway. Greeks sign trade agreement with Germany. French government orders arrest pro-Ally French journalists, now in England, U.S. or Canada. British government may order dismantling of automobiles, or stop private motor traffic, by new regulation.

**July 9th.**—British detain *Ile de France*, 43,450-ton French liner, at Singapore; French dreadnought *Richelieu* put out of commission by British at Dakar; R.A.F. carries out widespread attacks on German bases, fires German warship; attacks Ethiopian rail centre, drives off enemy attack on Malta. Eight killed by Nazi air raids on Britain. French Parliament in Vichy grants power to Petain to draft new constitution. Only one French battleship, still under construction, under Nazi control. Italian press states Italy and Germany agree on plans to blockade Britain, cut overseas communications. Rumania declares will not make territorial concessions to Hungary. British ration tea and margarine, arrest secretary of British Fascist Union, and Admiral Domville, former director naval intelligence, and his wife. Members of French naval and military missions detained in England.

**July 10th.**—Eleven Nazi planes, two British, shot down in air battle over Britain; 150 planes involved. British damage Italian war vessels, which dash for shelter of shore guns. Axis instruct Hungary to postpone claims for Rumanian territory. British Admiralty states mines laid between Orkneys and Iceland, and between Iceland and Greenland. Italians in Ethiopia, Somaliland, Eritrea, must secure supplies from Japan, British cut off communications with Italy. British papers say removal of children overseas may be given up.

**July 11th.**—R.A.F. sink Italian destroyer and supply ship in Sicilian harbor. Twelve Nazi planes brought down, others damaged, one British plane lost, in Nazi raid on Britain. German losses in three weeks' raids total at least 75. Britain organizes drive against gossip and "chatterbugs." Under Secretary of British Treasury to confer with U.S. Secretary of Treasury. Petain says he will move his headquarters from Vichy to Versailles. Daladier and other former cabinet ministers unable to attend French Parliament because German-French armistice committee refused them transportation. Moyale, British fort in Kenya, heavily attacked. Rumania withdraws from League of Nations. Admiralty denies *Ark Royal* and *Hood* damaged. Members of U.S. military committee recommend establishing of naval and air bases in Nova Scotia and Bermuda.

**July 12th.**—Ten enemy bombers destroyed in raids over Britain, two British planes lost, 10 lives lost in Scottish town. 2,000 British children land in Halifax, under private auspices; government scheme postponed, not enough war vessels free to act as convoys. Britain to recognize Haile Selassie as ruler of Ethiopia. Petain at head of totalitarian France. Tension in Syria.

**July 13th.**—Nazi bomber downed in raid over Britain, no damage. Men of 32 years register in Britain. Son of Admiral Domville interned. Nazis reported to have arrested 17,000 in France. New York *Times* urges U.S. ships bring British children across Atlantic. R. B. Bennett takes post in British aircraft production ministry.

**July 14th.**—Most extensive raids of war carried out last night and today by R.A.F. on German bases. There will be no submission to the enemy from Britain, though the war will probably be "long and hard," says Winston Churchill in world broadcast. Says British food reserves higher than

ever before, more tonnage under British flag than at beginning of war, also many foreign ships under British control.

**July 15th.**—Four British killed in Nazi air raids. R.A.F. in last 48 hours bombs 22 Nazi airdromes. Fires started by R.A.F. raids over Eritrea. Enemy planes carry out first raid on Holy Land. British garrison after five day attack, withdraws from Moyale. Rumania seizes all oil tank cars, including those owned by British and U.S. interests. German troops massing on Spanish-Portuguese frontier, says unconfirmed report. U.S. regulations amended to allow entry British children. British submarine *Shark* believed lost, destroyer *Escort* submarined in Mediterranean. McNaughton given rank of Lieutenant-General, to command British corps which will include Canadian forces now in England.

**July 16th.**—Maj.-General Pearkes, formerly of Calgary, succeeds General McNaughton. British believed to have laid mines along Italian coast. R.A.F. shoots down 3 Nazi bombers during raids on British coast, also bombs Nazi bases. U.S. aircraft to reach Britain totals less than two months' output British plants, says London despatch. Canadian Red Cross hospital in England presented to Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. Admiralty announce loss of 22 British, Allied and neutral vessels by enemy attack during week ending July 7th. R.A.F. score hits on Italian oil tankers, and Italian bases in North Africa. Italian paper says Britain to be offered "surrender or destruction". French youth to be trained along Nazi lines, says Petain.

**July 17th.**—Nazi bombers over south east England. Air battle over northern Africa, Italian bomber reported brought down by rifle fire. R.A.F. score direct hits Italian base at Tobruk, concentration Nazi barges northern France. Massed Nazi forces at French and Norwegian ports reported ready to attempt British invasion, delayed by disagreement between Nazi generals. Sales tax may be imposed in Britain. Germans believed short of lubricating oil; complain against British blockade as infraction of "open trade routes" advocated by U.S. Secretary Cordell Hull with reference to Burma route to China. Argentina rounds up Nazi "fifth columnists." U.S. fleet steams south from Hawaii. Admiralty announces loss a month ago of *Vanduyck*, in Norwegian waters, 161 taken prisoner by enemy. Squadron United States citizens air volunteers may be formed, says London report.

"Lies," says the U.S. marine garrison commander at Shanghai, of Japanese charges that Japanese gendarmes, arrested July 7th, had been maltreated and insulted.

Opposition to the closing of such world trade routes as the Burma route to southern China has been voiced by the U.S. State Department. It has been reported from London that Britain might agree to Japan's demand so far as to close the route for three months, providing Japan would try to make peace during that time. China protests against this as an "unfriendly action" by Britain.

## Nearly 400 at Celebration

At Lorraine Bridge, near Alliance, U.F.A. Sunday was celebrated in a grove of trees. Despite heavy rains a few days before, some 350 to 400 people ventured down the steep hills and gathered to hear Norman F. Priestley give an address on Christian solutions to modern problems such as unemployment, overproduction, war and peace; and Rev. P. Gebhart, of Alliance, speak on "Goodwill", with many allusions to the modern scene. J. Bateman presided and music was supplied by the Alliance band, which has never failed to take part in the service since it was established some eighteen years ago.

## News Brevities

Ottawa will issue no further naturalization certificates whatever, until further notice.

The "Jehovah's Witnesses" religious sect has been declared an illegal organization in Canada.

The U.S. Government has placed orders for 25,000 aeroplanes to cost a total of \$100,000,000.

A decisive victory in the recent Mexican elections is announced by the administration party, the Mexican Revolutionary party.

The amount of foreign exchange that can be purchased without a license has been reduced by Ottawa from \$100 to \$25.

Conservatives in the House of Commons have refused the invitation of Prime Minister King to join his Cabinet as "associate" members.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor will shortly leave Portugal for the Bahamas, where the Duke will be governor and commander-in-chief of the islands.

There are active local units of the Veterans' Volunteer Reserve at 170 points in Alberta, stated Major R. C. Arthurs, under a scheme to enrol 10,000 men.

Action has been brought in the Supreme Court of Alberta by the Canada Life Assurance Company, to have the Alberta Debt Adjustment Act declared *ultra vires*.

Five young people's groups withdrew from the Canadian Youth Congress in Montreal last week, following adoption of a report which criticised Defence of Canada regulations.

The Coronation branch of the Canadian Legion advances a scheme whereby farmers would contribute scrap metal and railways haul it free to points where it could be used for war purposes.

Described by Magistrate Fitch as a "pacifist and a deeply religious man", Eric Coffin, Drumheller district school-teacher, was convicted of making statements "likely to be prejudicial to the safety of the state", remanded for sentence until April 1st next and released on his own recognizances.

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## Saturday Night at the Olds School

By AMELIA TURNER SMITH

Several times during the final Saturday night entertainment at the Olds School of Community Life it struck me that, though the fare was lighter than that of some of the daytime sessions, this evening might fairly be taken as a sample of the spirit of the school. The entertainment was really entertaining, but at the same time it struck serious, even solemn chords. The atmosphere was friendly and informal, but did not lack grace and even dignity. It seemed to me to be the community social evening at its very best.

Under the easy, pleasant chairmanship of the school's director, Donald Cameron, the program began with a vocal duet. One of the singers was an Edmonton girl, the other from Calgary, and it was the school's good luck that their voices blended so delightfully. Each of the singers later gave solos and a young man from a Central Alberta farm touched the audience with the reading of a war poem.

An "Information Please" program, with the questions submitted and a panel of question-answerers, selected by the students, delighted everyone. Even the victims were seen to smile and to be able to dance before the evening was over. Although the Clifton Fadiman of the performance, Librarian Calhoun of Calgary, carefully managed things so that no one got questions in his especial "line", the "experts" made a very creditable showing. Only occasionally did the audience have to help them out.

Two plays were given by the class in dramatics, under direction of Gwen Pharis Ringland, who was also the author of the first, "Saturday Night", a one-act portrayal of the woes of parents of teen-age children, who each desperately need the car and scornfully refuse the mother's compromise suggestion of all going together. Each feels that this night is a turning-point in his or her life, and that the long years of the future will present nothing so vital as the having or not having the car on this particular evening. The author has contrived quite an ingenious solution of this knotty problem.

In quite a different vein was the second play, which portrays the birth of the Rochdale co-operative movement. Written by another Albertan, Elsie Park Gowan, it has many telling lines; and, familiar as the outlines of the story are, it is given freshness. As the plays had been in rehearsal only a few days, neither pretended to finished production; still, the playwright, director and actors between them succeeded in making the leading characters "come alive" with individualities of their own.

To an audience largely composed of adherents of the principles of co-operation, the play had a special appeal, as did the moving little curtain speech of Mrs. Gowan, who feelingly expressed the hope that in this day when the "lights are going out" the candles lit in the little co-operative store in Toad Lane so many years ago might be kept burning here in Alberta.

No one can for very long forget the flickering of those lights in so many places just now. The singing by one of the soloists of "There'll Always Be An England" brought ringing applause, and "O Canada" and "God Save the King", ordinarily gone through rather perfunctorily, at the beginning and end of a program, were sung with the whole-hearted fervor of those who find themselves united in a new and special way to their country and their countrymen in these days of a common danger and a common struggle. And the thoughts of all turned, to a land

across the ocean where, fanned by the rushing winds of danger, the torch of freedom has burst into flame anew, and become a vast beacon to men and women of goodwill and high courage throughout the world.

The caste in "Shop in Toad Lane" consisted of Professor W. M. Drummond, O.A.C., Guelph; Cyril Kenway, Edmonton; William Leonard, Olds; Mrs. Frank Redmond, Edgerton; Esme Malloch, Stony Plain; Jerome McAndrews, Vauxhall; Jack Halliwell, Athabasca; John Talson, Eckville; Muriel Hiatt, Indus; Jean Ulliac, Lac La Biche; Lloyd Polischuk, Mundare; Mrs. Warren, Olds; William Runte, Wetaskiwin; Rodney Reed, Olds; Jim Bishop, Three Hills. In "Saturday Night" the cast was Muriel Hiatt, Indus; Jean Kastelik, Sangudo; Tom Bishop, Three Hills; John Talson; Mrs. Gregg, Wetaskiwin; Olaf Hansen, Olds; William Runte. Vocalists, Miss Elizabeth Jones, Edmonton, Mrs. Dickson, Calgary. Accompanist Miss Malloch.

### Hold Successful Three Days' Rally Central Alberta Livestock Association at Lacombe Experimental Farm

Bringing together farm people from all parts of Central Alberta, a three-day rally held at the Lacombe Experimental Farm in early July under the sponsorship of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association and the Central Alberta Livestock Association, not only proved a most successful business gathering, but was also a socially enjoyable event. The purpose was the co-ordination of farmers' efforts in the field of organization, with a view to maximum effectiveness. C. D. Lane, of Neutral Hills, presided.

#### Principal Speakers

Both the problems and the practical possibilities of co-operation were ably dealt with by H. H. Hannam, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and secretary of the United Farmers of Ontario, in an address which contained many valuable suggestions for the building up of the movement. Among those who took part in a round table conference held during the rally included Norman F. Priestley, Vice-President of the U.F.A.; Roy Roberts, manager of the Grande Prairie Co-operative; John Davidson, Coaldale, president Southern Alberta Co-operative Association; H. M. Perry, Talbot, U.F.A.; Elmer Lougheed, Veteran, president of the Neutral Hills Regional Livestock Board; H. M. Robinson, of Talbot; N. Curtis, District Field man, Dominion Production services; H. E. Spencer, Edgerton, president of the Wainwright-Chauvin Regional Board; J. Frey, of the Acadia Valley Co-operative Association; George Church, Balzac, of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association; R. Wilson, Nose Hill; Gordon Flack, secretary of the Central Alberta Livestock Association; F. W. Baker, representative of the Packers' Meat Council.

Henry E. Spencer, at one of the morning sessions, gave an outline of the development of farm movements from the beginning of the century, tracing the history of the U.F.A., the United Grain Growers, and the Wheat and other Pools.

The war in China would stop immediately if the U.S. and Canada would stop shipment of war materials to Japan, said Dr. A. J. Brace, Y.M.C.A. secretary in China for 25 years.

### Recognized as Ruler



Britain has decided to recognize the government of Emperor Haile Selassie "as the lawful government of Ethiopia", R. A. Butler, under-secretary for foreign affairs, has informed the House of Commons.

### B.B.C. ON OFFENSIVE AGAINST NAZI LIES

British Ministry Thanks "Leader" for Information—Changes Made in Newscasts

Since the capitulation of the Petain Government of France the war of the air waves has assumed even greater velocity than before. Prior to that the Nazi propaganda machine, as exemplified by D.N.B., had launched a terrific lying and venomous offensive, while the British Ministry of Information had been content with a mild form of propaganda, coupled with official news reports, sent out by means of the B.B.C.

#### Situation Changed

The situation is now changed. The Nazis can no longer report "staggering victories on land and seas." Air raid and aerial dog fights do not lend themselves to braggadocio especially as so far these German raids to date have almost invariably resulted in defeat. As a result the Berlin radio station has now been reduced to the broadcasting of vitriolic threats against Britain, while Rome fills the air with lies based on wishful thinking.

On the other hand the British Broadcasting Station has practically revised its North American programs and has, in fact, assumed the offensive. Newscasts have been pepped up and efficient and authoritative commentators have been put on and there is now a complete picture of the situation available to listeners every day.

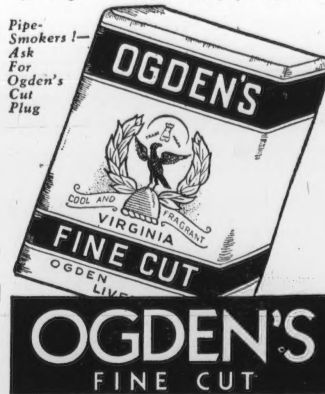
Some weeks prior to these notable improvements in the British broadcasting service to North America being made, *The Western Farm Leader* called attention to the need for them in an article by Sydney May entitled "The War of the Air Waves" in which changes now actually in effect were suggested.

In a letter to the Right Hon. Duff

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### Would Stop Shipment of Metals to States Unfriendly to Allies

Asking the Federal Government to stop the export of Canadian copper, nickel, scrap and other war materials to nations unfriendly to the Allies, a resolution passed by the U.F.W.A. Board was endorsed by the U.F.A. Executive. The resolution referred to the recent report that Granby Consolidated, B.C. copper mining corporation, had contracted its entire output to Japan for three years.

Cooper, Minister of Information, enclosing Mr. May's article, the editor of the *Leader* while congratulating the Minister on the improvement which had taken place since he took office called attention to the constructive criticism of B.B.C. policy and suggestions for better programs for North America which the article contained, and added: "It is an inspiration to us (in Canada) to see the fine spirit of co-operation in this struggle for survival, between all British parties crystallized in the new Government."

In reply the *Leader* received under date of June 19th the following letter from the Broadcasting Division of the Ministry of Information in London:

"I am directed by the Minister of Information to acknowledge your letter of June 7th, together with its enclosure, which is of great interest. The terms of your letter and the motives which prompted you to write are greatly appreciated."

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## WAR-TIME TASKS AND THE UNITED FARM WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

The onus is on those "fortunate to live on this continent" to show the aggressor states and the whole world that there is a better way of life, according to a resolution discussed at some length, and passed, by the board meeting of the U.F.W.A., held in Calgary last week. The resolution, submitted by the West Macleod U.F.W.A. conference, follows:

"A state of emergency exists and our members must redouble their efforts to carry on our own work as well as that of the Red Cross.

"We must not lose sight of our ideals; there must be no loss of our social and educational services for the duration of the war.

"We must be prepared to make our contribution towards the reconstruction of the world, which will inevitably follow the war.

### Keep Facilities Intact

"Towards this end it is imperative that our Locals keep their study groups and educational facilities intact.

"If we are to build a world based on the principles of Christian brotherhood, the principle of international co-operation must replace that of international competition. Upon those of us who are privileged to live on the North American continent in peace and harmony with our neighbors, falls the task of proving to the aggressor that there is a better way of life. We must set the example.

"To this end we would urge our Locals to continue striving for better health facilities, child welfare, advance-

ment of education, furthering of co-operative efforts in national and international fields, old age pensions, unemployment insurance and social and economic justice."

### Describes 'School of Community Life

Mrs. Redmond, who had been attending the Olds School of Community Life, gave a short description of it, and it was decided to arrange for a comprehensive report to be given at the next Annual Convention.

Mrs. Ross told the board that the Alberta Wheat Pool had made a grant to assist in Junior organization work.

The new egg grading regulations were discussed with Mr. Hill of the Southern Alberta Egg Producers' Association. It was pointed out that as grocery stores in country towns could not accept eggs for grading, under the new regulations, and as the grading centres were set up only at considerable distances from each other, especially in southern Alberta, very real difficulty was being experienced by the egg producers. Further inquiries are being made into this question. The Board also voted to ask the Provincial Government to investigate the possible menace of sweet clover taint in milk.

### Child Refugees

It was decided to work in close co-operation with the Department of Child Welfare and other agencies, in arranging for the care of children from Britain, if and when they are sent out to this country. Plans were also discussed for raising a fund for

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raiment,  
Who dares leisured comfort extol,  
With tyrants exacting dire payment  
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The prospect of progress all ending  
We view in dark hours with alarm,  
For everything now is depending  
On Britain's strong arm.

That arm we must nourish and  
strengthen,  
And keep it equipped for the fray,  
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clothing and comforts for the children, should this be necessary.

The Board felt it would be desirable to establish closer co-operation in the work of the Youth Training Schools, and a committee was appointed to meet with Donald Cameron, Director of the Rural Schedule, and discuss the program for rural youth.

Junior directors were appointed, subject to their consent, to fill vacancies; medical services, old age pensions and convention arrangements were under discussion. It was decided to add a book dealing with the effects of the use of narcotics and stimulants, to the Frances Bateman Memorial Library.

Inspection of the new U.F.A. Building made an interesting interlude in the day's sessions.

## Ask Formation of Health Unit for District

Following an address by Dr. Bow on the workings of the district health units, a resolution asking for the formation of one of these units in the district was passed by the recent summer conference of U.F.W.A. Locals of the Jasper-Edson and West Edmonton constituencies. The meeting was held at Horse Hills community hall, and was attended by about 200. Mrs. M. E. Lowe, director, had arranged a very fine program, writes Mrs. Daisy Craig of Namao.

Mrs. Ross, U.F.W.A. President, George Thring, Junior President, and Mrs. Ray Carter were guest speakers. Horse Hills U.F.W.A. provided an enjoyable program of musical numbers and a short play.

Miss Martha Rafn of Bon Accord was elected new director for 1941.

### The Grouch

Daughter—Daddy, dear, what is your birthstone?  
Daddy—I think it must be a grindstone.

## Would Annul Contracts with Powers Unfriendly to Allies

Petitioning the Prime Minister to annul contracts of companies shipping war materials to nations unfriendly to the Allied cause, a resolution was passed by the large gathering at the annual summer conference of U.F.W.A. Locals in Camrose constituency. The resolution followed some discussion of the recently reported contract of a B.C. mining company to sell their entire output to Japan.

Other resolutions asked the C.B.C. to return Dr. H. L. Stewart to the air as news commentator; and suggested that Government House, Ed-

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monton, be used as a clearing house for war refugees. A resolution proposing that the U.F.W.A. donate an ambulance to the Red Cross was referred to the central Executive.

A very comprehensive review of the U.F.W.A. program of work and study for the year was given by Mrs. Ross, U.F.W.A. President.

Support for Junior Locals, and attendance at the Olds School of Community Life, were urged by George Thring, Junior President.

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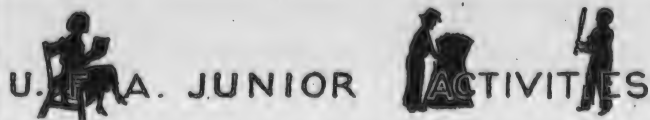
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## YOUNG PEOPLE AT OLDS COURSE

Alberta young people, from country, town and city, were fairly well represented at the Olds School of Community Life, whose sessions closed on Tuesday. Fairly well as to numbers, of course; the quality of the representation would have to be much more highly assessed than "fair".

### People in Their Twenties

Naturally, as this is an adult school, the youngest in age were somewhat older than the average at, say, the Junior Conference. But among the grey and greying heads and the mature forms tending to the bulkiness of middle age were many of the slim figures and fresh faces of girls and young men in their twenties.

These young people carried the major part of the entertainment on their shoulders, perhaps, and outnumbered their elders in the more strenuous of the outdoor games; but they were not by any means silent in the serious discussions. Bill Runte, for instance, who graduated from the Junior to the

senior U.F.A. not so many years ago, acquitted himself extremely creditably in the panel discussion on the Rowell-Sirois report on Dominion-Provincial relations. He brought up the question of "our farm markets—where have they gone?" and the matter of grading of farm products, a grading which tends to disappear as the products are sold over the counter to the consumer.

### Earnest and Thoughtful in Discussion

Young people as well as middle-aged gathered for an intensely interesting discussion, on Sunday afternoon, on the fall of France, and its consequences to us and possible lessons for us. Led by Professor Mackenzie of Toronto University, and with some guidance from Donald Cameron, director of the school, the discussion was of a really high order. The majority of those in the room took some part, and it was a very encouraging thing, in these dark and dangerous days, to see young people listening so earnestly and speaking so thoughtfully of the very grave situation of our country.

There has been and is far too much blame cast back and forth from youth to age. Some people say, "See what a mess the old people have made of things, for the young to clean up", and others, "The young are interested only in play". There was nothing of either attitude in this Sunday afternoon discussion; and if young and old could and would come together oftener for such thinking and talking together, it would be a very happy thing for us all.

### Plenty of Relaxation

Of course, no one can keep his mind keyed up to a high pitch all the time; and the school of community

### Farm Home and Garden

**Lemon Cheese Cake:** Rub 2 cups cottage cheese through a sieve, stir in 1/2 cup flour and 1/2 cup cream, mix to a smooth paste. Cream 5 tablespoons butter with 1 cup sugar, add grated rind and juice of a lemon, and 4 eggs, one at a time, beating well; add 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Turn into a greased angel-cake pan, and bake in a slow oven for an hour.

**Butterscotch Ice Cream:** Melt 2 tablespoons butter, add 3/4 cup brown sugar, and cook one minute; stir in 1 tablespoon flour and a pinch of salt. Add 1-1/2 cups hot milk to 2 beaten eggs, and stir into the sugar mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture coats spoon. Chill. Whip 1 cup cream, and fold into cooked mixture; add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Freeze. A little trouble to make, but worth it.

**Egg and Mushroom Patty:** Melt 1/4 cup butter and add half a pound of mushrooms, sliced. Cook 5 minutes, and blend in 4 tablespoons flour. Add 2 cups milk (or tomato juice), and cook until mixture thickens. Add 6 hard-cooked eggs, cut in large pieces, and 1 cup canned peas, salt and pepper. Serve in patty shells, on hot biscuits, or on buttered toast.

**Strawberry Tarts:** Mash 1 box strawberries and simmer gently with half a cup sugar and a pinch of salt. Add 1-1/2 tablespoons' lemon juice. Strain, add hot water to make a pint, pour over 1 packet strawberry jelly powder. Cool. Arrange whole berries in baked tart shells, and pour jelly over. Garnish with whipped cream if desired.

### Diplomat

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## Children Died From Diet Guaranteed by Institute Run by Magazine

The flimsy structure of the "Good Housekeeping Institute", conducted by the Hearst magazine Good Housekeeping, was revealed in a recent hearing of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. Evidence given showed that two children had died from eating salad dressing "guaranteed" by the Institute, and that another family had been ill in hospital after eating corned beef of a brand similarly "guaranteed." It was admitted that some of the products so "guaranteed", including Japanese tuna fish, were put up in foreign countries, where the institute had no means of inspection. One official said "Hearst's magazine handed out the seal indiscriminately to anyone who would spend enough money advertising in it."

### Pembina Conference

Westlock U.F.W.A. took first prize in the handicrafts contest at the annual summer conference of U.F.W.A. Locals in Pembina constituency, Sunnibent placing second and Freedom third. Miss Montgomery, who judged the handicrafts, complimented the women on the work exhibited. In addition to the contest, there was an art display and an exhibit of hooked rugs; and a tidy sum was realized for the blind by the sale of work from the Institute for the Blind.

A very interesting program was given, writes Mrs. Will Lyons, secretary, by Mrs. Ross, U.F.W.A. President; Mrs. Wood, M.L.A. for Stony Plain, Rev. Mr. Moss, Miss Olga Antonson, Junior U.F.A. Director; P. S. Beatt, U.F.A. Director; and George MacLachlan, who spoke on the activities of the U.F.A. co-operatives.

The conference was held at Freedom, and was attended by over a hundred women. Mrs. Dieffenbaugh and Mrs. Lowe, U.F.W.A. Directors, presided alternately. Musical numbers given by Mrs. F. McDonald, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. McEwen, were much enjoyed.

### Will Apply for Membership

Application for membership in the Alberta Federation of Agriculture will be made by the U.F.A.

This was decided by the Executive last week. Information will be sought as to the terms, as to dues, etc., which such an educational organization as this will be expected to meet to obtain membership.

Prior to the recent convention, the Federation (under the former name of the Alberta Co-operative Council) did not possess constitutional power to permit of such membership; though the U.F.A. Central Co-operative was eligible and had been represented from the beginning by active delegates.

### Mrs. Spencer's Letter

Publication of Mrs. Spencer's letter to farm women is unavoidably held over until our next issue.

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## Held Successful Meeting re Amalgamation

Subject of amalgamation of the United Farmers of Alberta and the United Farmers of Canada (Alberta Section) will be placed on the agenda of the U.F.A. Central Board prior to the next Annual Convention, with a view to the Board making a recommendation to the Convention. This has been decided by the U.F.A. Executive. Mr. Gardiner stated that a recent conference between a committee of the U.F.A. and officers of the U.F.C. had been quite successful.

### SUPPORT MAXIMUM EFFORT

Meeting in Calgary last week the U.F.A. Executive gave full endorsement to a wire sent in their behalf to Prime Minister King on June 20th, urging that Canada take steps to mobilize all Canada's resources for war, with the aid of similar emergency legislation to that adopted in Britain.

## World Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,  
Superintendent of Publicity,  
Alberta Wheat Pool

The *Cargill Crop Bulletin* states, in its latest report, that world wheat supplies for the year beginning July 1st, 1940, may be 100 to 200 million bushels smaller than a year ago, when they totalled 5,459 million, the largest supply on record. As a result of the large world crop in 1939, the world carryover on July 1st, 1940, is expected to be about 250 million bushels larger than the estimated 1,189 million bushel carryover on July 1st, 1939, but the 1940 world crop may be reduced by between 350 million and 450 million from the estimated 1939 crop of 4,270 million bushels.

### Reduced World Acreage

Although information on which to base a June indication of world supplies is scantier than usual this year, the information available points to a reduction in world wheat acreage for the 1940 crop and smaller yields per acre in important European producing areas. Production in the Northern Hemisphere may drop 400 million to 500 million bushels below the estimated 3,866 million bushels harvested last year. Most of this reduction is in Europe. Production in the Southern Hemisphere, however, may possibly total about 50 million bushels more than the estimated 404 million bushels last year.

On the basis of the poor wheat crop indicated in Europe this year, were it not for present European military and political conditions, world trade in wheat probably would be well above any recent year. The blockade and governmental policies, however, may restrict world movement, so that imports may show only a moderate increase. Exportable surpluses in surplus producing countries in 1940-41 are expected to total about one billion bushels.

The United States Government estimate of that country's wheat crop as at July 1st showed no substantial change from the previous month, the total crop being placed at 728,644,000 bushels compared with the June 1st estimate of 727,158,000 bushels. Spring wheat production is now placed at 204,654,000 bushels, against 239,000,000 on June 1st; the winter wheat estimate is 523,990,000 bushels, against 488,158,000 a month ago.

Despite demoralization or elimination of many markets for Canadian wheat, wheat and flour shipments from Canada have reached 183,310,609 bushels for the period August 1st, 1939, to July 5th, 1940. This total is nearly 33 million bushels above the figure for the same period last year.

Showers have been fairly general

## Livestock Markets Review

**CALGARY STOCKYARDS, July 16th.**—The cattle market is fairly steady with good to choice butcher steers at \$6.50 to \$7, common to medium \$5.50 to \$6.25; good heifers \$6.50, common to medium and heavies \$5 to \$6; choice fed calves \$8.25 to \$8.50, medium to good \$7 to \$8; good cows \$4 to \$4.25, top light \$4.50, common to medium \$3.25 to \$3.75; canners and cutters \$1.50 to \$3; good bulls \$4.50 to \$4.85. Good vealers are \$7 with common to medium \$4 to \$6; medium to good stocker steers \$5.75 to \$6.25, common to plain \$4.50 to \$5.50. Hogs are \$8.25 for selects, \$7.75 for bacon and \$6.75 for butchers, off trucks. Good lambs are \$8.25.

**EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, July 16th.**—The cattle market is active and strong. Good to choice fed calves are \$7.50 to \$8; good to choice steers \$6.50 to \$7, common to medium \$4.25 to \$6.50; good to choice heifers \$6.25 to \$7, common to medium \$3.50 to \$6; good to choice cows \$4 to \$4.50, common to medium \$3 to \$4; canners and cutters \$3 down; bulls \$3.50 to \$4.25. Good to choice stockers and feeders are \$5.50 to \$5.75, others \$5 down; good to choice veal calves \$6 to \$6.50, others \$5.50 down. Hogs are \$8.25 for selects, \$7.75 for bacon and \$6.75 for butchers, off trucks. Choice lambs are scarce at \$8.25 for tops, yearlings \$5 down, and ewes \$3 down.

## Dairy Market

The dairy market has strengthened somewhat and trading is more lively so that the outlook is quite a little brighter than it has been for some time. Montreal is now quoted at 22-3/4, Toronto 22 and Vancouver 21-3/4, while local prices are unchanged at 18c for special grade butterfat and 22c for first class prints. Dominion stock figures as at July 1st show that there are 33,664,000 pounds of butter on hand as compared with 32,905,000 pounds at the same time last year.

Lethbridge organizations are protesting against allowing more Hutterite colonies to come to Canada.

Penalties will be imposed by the Federal Government for increasing retail prices to cover the 10 per cent war exchange tax on imported goods.

throughout Western Canada and will bring some relief to the dry areas of Saskatchewan. Further general precipitation will be needed to maintain present prospects.

A European wheat crop of 1,360 million bushels, about 140 million below average, is now forecast for the current crop year. This indicates a 25 per cent drop under last year's crop of 1,700 million bushels. All producing areas except Great Britain and Spain apparently will have crops smaller than those of last year.

### Delayed Seeding in Argentina

In Argentina, the weather has been unseasonably mild, and frequent and abundant rains delayed seeding so that the anticipated increase in acreage may not now be realized. The great need now is for a spell of cold and dry weather. In Australia, the Commonwealth Government Wheat Board, which is handling all wheat sales, announced that 118 million bushels of the 1939-40 crop has been sold and that another 26 million probably will be sold for local consumption and flour exports, leaving a market to be found for 52 million bushels.

Canada's huge grain storage facilities, among the largest in the world, and providing elevator capacity of 422 million bushels of grain, are likely to be taxed to the limit this fall due to a wartime emergency. There is at present a meeting in Ottawa to decide on Canada's major lines of policy with regard to her wheat problem, and consideration is being given to a project for storing wheat on farms and providing farmers with advances to carry them through the winter months.

## OTTAWA LETTER

(Continued from page 1)

### Not Called in Harvest Time

Farmers' sons will not be called in harvest time, and there will be similar temporary exemption for those engaged in other seasonal occupations. Drafting into training camps will not be allowed to interfere with essential industries. There will be a judge in each registration unit who will have instructions from the Government on what industries are to be considered "essential", and it will be the duty of the judge to place the names coming before him on the immediate or postponed training lists. Although classes exempted from military training will be more restricted than in the last war, they will include munitions factory workers, clergymen, judges, officers and clerks collecting public revenues, firemen, policemen, etc.

### Initial Training

The initial training will be for approximately six weeks. When this training is over, many young men who have received instruction may decide voluntarily to join either the militia or overseas services. There is no conscription for overseas service involved in the national registration.

Those called out for military training—and these will be called in relation to age (whether they are single or married) and other considerations on which the judges will make their decision—will be formed into battalions of the non-permanent militia, and will be either sent to camps of instruction or will receive their training in drill halls or other available public buildings.

All persons above the age of sixteen will be registered. The work of registration will be in the hands of registrars and deputy registrars, the registrars having under their jurisdiction exactly the same districts as the constituencies in the last general election, while the deputies will have sub-districts which are co-terminous in boundary with polling sub-divisions. These officials have already been appointed with the aid of Members of Parliament, who will also assist with local committees in seeing that the gigantic work of collecting data runs without any hitch. It has been pointed out by Mr. Gardiner that the information collected will be available not only to the Department of National Defence, but to all departments of the government, and can be used "for different purposes in connection with the care of our population during a period of war and perhaps afterwards."

### Wide Range of Responsibility

While national registration is the immediate and one of the main duties of the new Department of National War Services, this department has a wide range of responsibility. It has jurisdiction over the various kinds of voluntary services which assist in the prosecution of the war, and will have the duty of co-ordinating the public information services of the Government. The extent and importance of its functions will place it among major ministries directly connected with war activities, and it is understood that Mr. Gardiner will relinquish the portfolio of agriculture so that he can devote his full time to his new duties. The onerous duties of agriculture will require the full time of a Minister.

With the creation of a new Ministry of Naval Affairs, under Angus MacDonald, former Premier of Nova Scotia, the three fighting services have separate Ministries. Col. Ralston, who has been succeeded by Mr. Ilsley in the Ministry of Finance, is now engaged in his duties as Minister of National Defence. Mr. Power, Minister for Air, is associate Minister of National Defence. Mr. Howe has relinquished his post as Transport Minister and is paying undivided attention to his responsibility as head of the Department of Munitions and Supply. Thus the Cabinet has strengthened its forces.

### Await Wheat Policy

Parliament at this time is waiting to hear what amendments if any (Continued on page 13)

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## WHAT FEDERATION DID

The recent Annual Convention of the Alberta Co-operative Council held in Red Deer:

Changed name to Alberta Federation of Agriculture, and adopted new constitution opening the way for farm organizations not actively engaged in running co-operative enterprises to enter Federation.

Received reports on many phases of problems of farm production and marketing, from chairmen of sections. Heard practical and inspiring addresses from guest speakers.

Expressed gratification concerning Canada's increasing assistance in the war, confidence in ultimate victory, and determination to assist in every possible way.

Pledged willingness to make all possible sacrifice to bring conflict to successful end, demanded precautions be taken against financial profit being made from any such sacrifice.

Protested vigorously against imposition of import duties on farm machinery.

Determined that sugar beet section of Federation should be consulted when changes in sugar beet prices are contemplated.

Asked that hog grading be done either at terminal stockyards or packing plants by Dominion Government grader.

Requested Minister of Trade and Industry to make a thorough investigation of price spreads on hogs under bacon grade.

Asked for Dressed Beef grading policy for Alberta similar to that now in operation in B.C.

Opposed any compulsory system for rail grading of hogs, and urged grading system to maintain for farmers benefits of open market competition.

Asked Federal Government to set prices on products of industry and labor in equitable relationship to prices of farm products.

Urged affiliation by cheese co-operatives.

Expressed appreciation of financial assistance by organizations including U.F.A. Central Co-operative and Alberta Wheat Pool, making possible attendance of H. H. Hannam.

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will be made this session to the Wheat Board Act. Members of the Wheat Board have been in Ottawa discussing this question, and a decision by the Government is awaited. The most intense interest is felt in the Government's policy for handling the new crop sales. A bill will shortly be introduced which will amend in some measure the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, but the nature of the amendment has not been disclosed.

Before this session is ended, the Dominion will have on its statute books an act instituting a measure of unemployment insurance. A resolution has already been presented to Parliament. The constitution has been amended at Westminster, placing "unemployment insurance" in the list of subjects on which the Federal Government has the right to legislate. Thus the difficulty that has blocked all previous attempts to legislate on this form of social service has finally been removed.

## Camp Conference at Lake Saskatoon Starts Saturday

A week of study and recreation, at little cost, is offered by the Community Life Conference and Camp to be held at Lake Saskatoon, from July 20th to 26th, under the sponsorship of the district churches, community organizations and the Department of Extension of the University of Alberta. The cost will be \$4, half of which may be brought in food. The program will include discussions on "The Background of the World Crisis" and other subjects, lectures (some illustrated), swimming, games, etc.

## "Prairie Sentinels"

Dealing with the handling and movement of Canada's grain crop, an attractive illustrated booklet, "Prairie Sentinels", by Cecil Lamont, has been issued by the North-West Line Elevators Association of Winnipeg. Functions of the Board of Grain Commissioners and methods farmers may use in handling grain at country elevators are outlined; information on cost of handling and transporting grain is given; while the United Kingdom market and the lands in which use of wheat is growing are described. It is announced that copies may be obtained free from country elevator agents or the Association in Winnipeg.

## Alberta Winners

Alberta winners of livestock awards at the Calgary Exhibition included the following: the C.P.R. Farm, Strathmore, (Holsteins, Hampshires), G. M. Gibb, Edmonton, (Holsteins), Hays & Co., Calgary (Holsteins); W. R. Howson, Edmonton, (Belgians), Charles A. Hughes & Sons, De Winton (Percherons), Hardy E. Salter, Calgary, (Percherons); Charles C. Gordon, Carstairs, (Clydesdales); Wm. Hudson, Kathryn, (Swine); P. J. Rock, Drumheller (swine), Richards Bros., Red Deer, (Ayrshires); Rowland Ness, De Winton, (Ayrshires); Frank Collicutt, Carstairs, (Herefords); Charles Bull, Calgary, (Herefords); W. A. Crawford-Frost, Nanton, (Herefords).

## Replies to Suggestion Charges Exorbitant

Stating that operating costs and maintenance of country and terminal elevators were mounting, due to need for larger scales, better cleaning equipment, increased labor costs at the Lakehead, increased taxation and the necessity for guarding against sabotage, G. W. F. Heffelfinger, president of the North-West Line Elevators Association, replied at a meeting of the Board of Grain Commissioners in Winnipeg to the suggestions which he stated had been made, that elevator companies were making exorbitant profits from storage at the expense of the Wheat Board.

Mr. Heffelfinger gave figures obtained from fourteen companies operating 2,865 country elevators with capacity of 96,300,000 bushels and 10 terminals at Lakehead with 49,000,000 capacity, on total storage earned from the Board between August 1st, 1939, and May 31st, 1940. Country elevators earnings amounted to 2-2/3 cents per bushel on Board wheat, and terminals 1-1/4 cents on total storage.

All Canadian elevator interests requested continuation of present charges.

## COMING MEETINGS

Meetings to be addressed by Norman F. Priestley, U.F.A. Vice-president, in the near future include: July 24th, annual meeting of Central Alberta Livestock Association, Gooseberry Lake; July 25th, afternoon, Botha or Gadsby, evening, Lauderdale school; July 26th to 28th, annual convention Coronation U.F.A. Constituency Association and Co-operative, Gooseberry Lake; July 29th, annual convention Acadia U.F.A. Co-operative Association, Cereal.

## Wool Shortage Faces Continent of Europe During Next Winter

British Empire Control About 50 Per Cent of World's Exportable Surplus

Since the principal sheep-growing European countries produce only a small part of their total wool requirements, while the British Empire controls about 50 per cent of the world's exportable surplus, it seems likely that both the conquest-swollen domain of Hitler and the neutral countries which still remain will have to go short of wool as well as other important commodities next winter.

This probability is indicated in a recent issue of *Foreign Crops and Markets*, published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture at Washington, in a discussion of the effect which the war will have on wool production in Europe.

## Sheep Population

Sheep in 27 European countries at the beginning of the last war numbered about 129 millions, the periodical shows. During four years of war, 1914-18, numbers of sheep were reduced by about 13 per cent, and France, one of the largest sheep producers, never got back to the 1914 figure. In 1914 she had 16,176,000 head, and in 1939 the number reported was only 9,872,000. Germany has about 5,000,000 sheep, producing only about 10 per cent of her requirements of wool. The United Kingdom, with 26,913,000 head, is one of the most important European wool producers, others being Spain, Italy, and the Danubian countries.

Sheep are not so dependent on imported feedstuffs as are other livestock, and in the present war it is expected that every effort will be made to maintain sheep numbers, not only to provide meat but to produce as much wool as possible.

## Co-operative Union Pledges Full Support in Struggle Against Aggressor States

Calling upon all co-operators to exert their full force to secure the restoration of full human rights, and the inauguration of a new era of peace based upon co-operative principles, a resolution of the International Co-operative Alliance was unanimously endorsed by the annual congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada, held in Winnipeg. The congress also pledged its support to the war effort of Canada "to the end that the forces of aggression which deny liberty, democracy, freedom of association and the dignity of the individual be utterly and permanently defeated."

Other resolutions asked for consumer representation on all price-fixing bodies; proposed that the Co-operative Union should be a centre of information for the consumer movement; urged that all co-operatives should endeavor to create interest in co-operation as a final state of society; advocated consumers' councils in every community; and asked the Federal Government to publish information as to standards, etc., for assistance to buyers. W. C. Good was re-elected president.

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## AT SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Guest speakers at the Alberta School of Religion, to be held at Camp Fairweather July 30th to August 9th, will be Dr. D. C. MacIntosh of Yale University and Dr. Carlyle King of the University of Saskatchewan.

Norman F. Priestley, chairman of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, Limited, and W. F. Wallace, manager of Maple Leaf Petroleum, Limited, were in Edmonton this week to arrange re-building of the Maple Leaf Warehouse, recently destroyed by fire.

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## SPORT

### Argentina Export Supplies Small in June

It took four tries before Nick Knight, who hails from Cody, Wyoming, could capture the North American Bronk Riding Championship, although twice in previous years the Cody Cowpuncher was runner-up. Harley Walsh of Madden, who took the Canadian Riding title, is a well known figure at Alberta stampedes and has been attending the Foothills City Rodeos for some time. The North American all-around Champion cowboy turned out to be Jack Wade of Halkirk, while A. K. Lund of Milk River captured the Canadian title. Lund, incidentally, rode all week with a badly sprained back and by the time Saturday arrived the new Canadian all-around cowboy was barely able to navigate. How these bronco-busters manager to stick on some of those fiery steeds when they're well is a puzzle, but with a lame back—Dick Cosgrave, winner of the Chuck Wagon Races, took home another washing machine this year and his basement must be nearly full of them by now. The Cosgrave gang, colorful in their blue and red shirts and white pants, are favorites on the track.

The oft-rumored and reported

In contrast to the position a year ago, Argentina in June had only a small exportable surplus of wheat. Although the carry-over at the first of January, 1940, was one of the largest on record, if not the largest, the 1939-40 harvest was small, and the demand in Europe for Argentine wheat surprisingly well maintained.

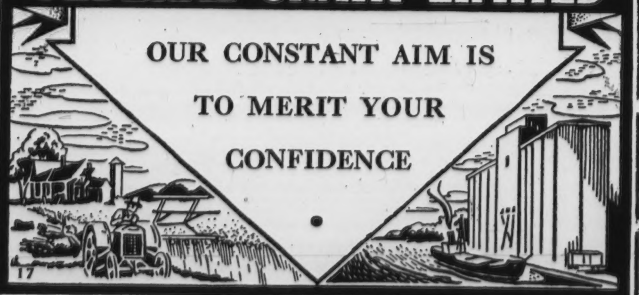
Bassano Local has paid dues to Central Office of the U.F.A. for a round hundred members.

purchase of the New York Yankee baseball club by Postmaster General James A. Farley is now practically a fact. The price is allegedly fixed at \$4,000,000 and is to be met by a syndicate headed by Farley. Since Col. Ruppert's death in January, 1939, the club has been owned by three women, and 'tis said the estate needs the money to meet inheritance taxes.

Detroit Tigers regained top place in the American League with Cleveland pushing hard in second position. Cincinnati and Brooklyn are still the two big noises in the National League with Cincinnati at present having the edge.

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## MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Official Rome news agency states that Italy has been allotted the task of "securing control of the Mediterranean Sea." By remote control, we presume.

We understand that Italian musicians are incensed over Mussolini's entrance into the war. Yep, it appears that the British blockade has cut off the supply of monkeys for their organ grinders.

### THE FEAST IS OVER

News item declares that a number of Hungarian ministers visited Hitler for the purpose of demanding a slice of Rumania. They were, of course, sent Hungary away.

Whichever way you look at it, Stalin appears to have put a balk into Nazi Balkan game.

Postcard from Cynical Gus declares that the Sun of France appears to have suffered a Totalitarian eclipse.

Latest report indicates that there is a severe shortage of soap in Germany. It'll take more than soap to wash the Nazi sins away.

### ISN'T IT THE TRUTH?

Judging by the plight of French refugees, it is clear that Hitler's idea of man's inhumanity to man includes women and children.

### O LAND BELOVED

O Land Beloved, O Canada  
Shall we not feel the greatness of our souls  
Surge upward at the beating of the drums,  
Whose loud alarms proclaim the toll of death  
The hosts of hate would broadcast through the world?  
Grown rich upon the luscious fruits of peace,  
Shall we forget the land which nourished us  
And gave us strength and health and happiness?  
Could we but weigh the years of joy and bliss  
Against the sacrifice the moment calls,  
Methinks the scales would need an added weight  
Of years untold, ere we could justly say  
That we had paid the debt we owe the land  
That is for ever Canada the Free.

It would be treason to this country fair,  
To hide our strength while Freedom sore assailed  
Calls hourly to the sons of Canada.  
Were there no list'ning ears to catch the drums;  
No youthful hearts that beat in unison;  
Then must indeed the darkness of despair  
Fall on the weaker nations of the earth,  
And we, henceforward, wear a brand of shame  
As slayers of the Freedom that we loved.

A buried past of glorious yesterdays  
Bids us go forth to meet a stern today,  
With all the greatness of a righteous cause,  
Bowed humbly first before our Master's throne,  
Untouched by hatred, yet more firm resolved  
That we perform earth's justice valiantly.

Paradoxical as it may sound, a square deal often comes from a round table conference.

### WHY TEACHERS GET GREY

"An idiom is a person of low intelligence."

Sign on a Calgary Store: "Shoes Cleaned Inside." Heck, wouldn't that make an awful mess of one's socks?

Knotty Frankie tells us that Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, knows all the answers. Yep, says he, and she takes a delight in giving 'em.

Sophisticated Sally got her Stampede dates all mixed up. And now she's so mad she hasn't been on speaking terms with herself for a week.

"New Life Stirs in U.S. Business."—headline in a London paper. Maybe the "Birth of Inflation," what?

### CONCERNING SYDNEY

(We Don't Think!)

"April's rain-drenched hair was touched with the shadows of the deeper earlier dusks. June's will be a richer cast—with browns among the golds. In-between stands MAY, resplendently, almost blatantly blond. And almost too popular."—Christian Science Monitor.

That's a darn nice compliment to you, Musty. That's if you really are blond.—Fern of Fernie.

Sorry, Fern, but writing this column caused us to tear all our hair out years ago. But, of course, a Western Farm Leader columnist is always Fair. You ask Peggy!

### SONG OF LOVE

We bought a box of chocolates,  
And to Sweet Alice sent it;  
We met her at the Stampede and  
She winked at us—and meant it.

After spending a week at the Calgary races, Crusty Bill has come to the conclusion that you can't get ahead of the horses by following the ponies.

### TODAY'S BRIGHT OOZE

A man who is loyal to himself is seldom suspicious of others.

Berlin broadcasters are jubilant over what they describe as "the continued fall of the pound sterling." Nevertheless, Hitler and Mussolini, notwithstanding, the BRITISH SOVEREIGN will always remain above par.

We see that the capital of the new French totalitarian "government" is still located at the Spa of Vichy. But our guess is that it'll take more than apert water to clean the Lavals out of France.

During an air raid on Malta one bull is reported to have been killed. That's not enough bull for an Italian war communique.

We hear that an Innisfail guy got married on the money he made at the Calgary races. And at that, says Wally, our incurable bach, he may discover that he has backed a loser.

### WE BELIEVE IT

According to Cynical Gus, sound money is something you hear about but never see.

Nothing is really impossible, says British scientist. He might try getting Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, to go for an old fashioned buggy ride.

### THIS IS TERRIBLE

Swimming is just a matter of form to a pretty gal in one of this year's bathing suits.

A husband, says Irene, out of her wealth of experience, is a 'guy who thinks he's done his share of the housework when he's set out the milk bottle.

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## Over \$46 Million Canada's Export Trade Cut Off by Invasion of Five Countries

The extent to which Canada's export trade is affected by the Nazi invasion of Belgium, Denmark, France, Holland and Norway, is shown by reference to the *Canada Year Book*. The 1939 edition gives the following figures for the yearly business, during the previous fiscal year, with these countries and Sweden: exports from Canada, \$46,166,000; imports to Canada, \$20,907,000.

## What's Doing? at CFAC

"Uncle Jim's Question Bee" switches from Tuesday to the Wednesday schedule. (CFAC, Wednesday, July 10, 9:30 to 10:00 p.m. MST.) Four chosen from the studio audience will be handed ten dollars at the start. By the time they finish, they may walk off with considerably more than that. It all depends on how much they know and how they evaluate the question.

Bing Crosby, one of the owners of a Hollywood night club, named "The Pirate's Den", dressed in an outlandish-hued pirate's costume, complete with shootin' irons and daggers, at the Kraft Music Hall rehearsal for publicity pictures with his co-owners. "If you think you're going to get any laughs with that costume," said Bob Burns, "well, you ain't. It's twice as conservative as that outfit you wear around all the time."

On Monday, July 8th, was heard the final summer broadcast of that versatile Quiz show, "What do you know about Alberta?"

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Encirclement of U.S.-owned Philippine Islands would be effected by Japanese plans for expansion now being disclosed by action in various fields, because the Caroline Islands (not shown on map) lying east of the Philippines, are already under Jap mandate. Plans include taking over foreign concessions in Tientsin, Shanghai and Canton; blockade and eventual occupation of Hong Kong; occupation of Indo-China; and "penetration" of Borneo and Netherlands East Indies.

## Warspite Leads Action



Commander-in-chief of the British Mediterranean fleet is Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham and his flagship is the 30,000-ton *Warspite* (above). Leading the squadron steaming from Alexandria, the *Warspite's* heavy guns recently blasted at Italian naval units encountered off the Island of Crete. The Italians admitted loss of a destroyer and a submarine, and said one big warship was hit with a loss of 29 killed and 69 wounded.

## War Pigeon Gives Nazis "The Bird"



Because use of their radios might give away their whereabouts to the enemy, all British warplanes flying over water carry pigeons to take messages home in case of trouble. It was "business as usual" with this bird during an R.A.F. raid over the Heligoland naval base. While anti-aircraft bullets whistled around the big bomber, she laid an egg.

## British to Shoot Film in Rockies



Work on the "Forty-ninth Parallel", British film to be produced in Canada under the direction of Michael Powell, will get under way in the Canadian Rockies this month. Powell arrived in Ottawa to conclude final arrangements with the government for the undertaking, which will star Raymond Massey (left), formerly of Toronto; Elizabeth Bergner (centre), and Leslie Howard (right). The story of the film will revolve around the part Canada is playing in the war effort.